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FOL TEL SENT ACTION IMMEDIATE SAIGON FROM DANANG DTD MAY 9, 1973
RPTD TO YOU FOR YOUR INFO

QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L DANANG 0503

1. SECURITY SITUATION:

INCIDENT LEVEL RETURNED TO A LOW OF TWELVE, INCLUDING ONE
GROUND ATTACK AND NINE ATTACKS BY FIRE (ABF) WITH TWO ROCKETS
AND 112 MORTAR ROUNDS. HALF THE INCIDENTS, INCLUDING ONE GROUND
ATTACK AND FIVE ABF' S, OCCURRED IN THE FIRST DIVISION AO.
CORPS- WIDE, CASUALTIES WERE: FRIENDLY 1 KIA, 12 WIA; ENEMY
13 KIA, 10 RETURNEES. SEVEN OF THE VC RETURNEES TURNED THEM-
SELVES IN TO THE FIRST BATTALION, 6 TH REGIMENT, QUANG NGAI.
FRIENDLY ARTILLERY FIRED 1,726 ROUNDS; 794 NORTH OF THE HAI
VAN PASS, 932 SOUTH.

2. ICCS:

A. AREA DIRECTOR HUE REPORTS THAT ON MAY 8 REPRESENTATIVES
OF ALL FOUR DELEGATIONS OF ICCS SUB- REGION TEAM PHU BAI
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BEGAN AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE APRIL 26 VC ATTACK BY FIRE AT LA SON (FIRE SUPPORT BASE ANZIO) SOUTHEAST OF HUE (REF DANANG 460).

B. CANDEL AND INDODEL REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ICCS SUB- REGION TEAM AT CHU LAI INVESTIGATED ON MAY 7 A VC ATTACK ON THE TU CONG " RETURN TO VILLAGE" SITE ABOUT 8 KILOMETERS NORTHEAST OF QUANG NGAI CITY. AREA DIRECTOR QUANG NGAI REPORTS THAT THEY PLAN TO RETURN TODAY MAY 9 POSSIBLY WITH POLDEL AND HUNGDEL REPRESENTATIVES, TO LOOK INTO A SECOND ATTACK ON THE SAME SITE DURING THE NIGHT OF MAY 7. POPULAR FORCES AND PEOPLE'S SELF DEFENSE UNITS PUT UP LITTLE RESISTANCE IN BOTH ENCOUNTERS AND RETURNEES' TENTS WERE BURNED BY THE VC.

3. GVN ACTIVITIES:

MR. TRINH VINH DIEN, COORDINATOR OF THE AGENCY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE DANANG AREA (ADDA), INFORMED LIAISON OFFICER DANANG THAT HE RECENTLY DISCUSSED THE CONCEPT OF ESTABLISHING KIBBUTZ- TYPE SETTLEMENTS WITH LTG NGO QUANG TRUONG, COMMANDING GENERAL I CORPS. WHEN DIEN SUGGESTED KIBBUTZES FOR SUCH RECENTLY CLEARED AND STILL PRECARIOUS LOCALITIES AS THE " ARIZONA TERRITORY" IN QUANG NAM PROVINCE, TRUONG INITIALLY RESPONDED UNFAVORABLY AND THEN RECONSIDERED, PROMISING TO STUDY THE CONCEPT.

4. ACCOMMODATION:

LIAISON OFFICER DANANG REPORTS THAT IN HIS WEEKLY BRIEFING THE S-2 OFFICER OF THE DANANG SPECIAL SECTOR DREW ATTENTION TO A JOINT GENERAL STAFF ORDER TO ALL COMMANDERS PROHIBITING TROOP CONTACT WITH THE ENEMY. THE S-2 REPORTED THAT THROUGHOUT MR I THERE HAVE BEEN MANY (UNSPECIFIED) CONTACTS SEEKING INFORMATION ON RELATIVES, SELLING WARES, OR JUST BEING FRIENDLY.

5. BUDDHIST USE OF CITY PARK FOR CELEBRATION:

COLONEL LE TRI TIN, MAJOR OF DANANG, HAS GRANTED PERMISSION TO THE BUDDHISTS TO USE INTERNATIONAL PARK IN DANANG CITY FOR THE FIRST TIME FOR THEIR CEREMONIES ON BUDDHA'S BIRTHDAY, MAY 17. PREVIOUSLY, ACCORDING TO LIAISON OFFICER DANANG, THE BUDDHISTS HAD TO USE VARIOUS OF THEIR PAGODAS IN THE CITY.

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6. PRISONER RELEASE:

A. THE RELEASE OF 200 PRISONERS ON THE THACH HAN RIVER ON MAY 8 REPORTEDLY WENT OFF WITH NO UNEXPECTED DEVELOPMENTS. ACCORDING TO CONGEN POLOFF IN HUE, THREE " RALLIERS" CHOSE TO STAY BEHIND.

B. THE RELEASE OF 70 CIVILIAN PRISONERS ORIGINALLY PLANNED FOR
MAY 2 IN QUANG NGAI HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED FOR MAY 11 TH. THE
SITE REMAINS UNCHANGED, LANG BOM HAMLET BS 10, 12

KILOMETERS SOUTH OF SON HA DISTRICT TOWN.
THOMSEN UNQUOTE
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